

SAMHSA's Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) 50: Addressing Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors in Substance Abuse Treatment

Suicide is the leading cause of death among people who abuse alcohol and drugs, making suicide a risk problem that every frontline substance abuse counselor must be able to address. In collaboration with SAMHSA, the US Department of Veteran Affairs has developed a training video as a companion piece for TIP 50.

Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) 50, Addressing Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors in Substance Abuse Treatment, is a resource from SAMHSA for substance abuse treatment professionals and administrators.

Designed to increase understanding about this issue, TIP 50 describes the reasons individuals with substance use disorders who are in treatment are at high risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviors, and offers a four-step process for addressing suicidal thoughts and behaviors—identified as the acronym "GATE."

The four steps are:

- Gather information.
- Access supervision.
- Take responsible action.
- Extend the action.

A moderator and three panel members discuss ways to manage and address suicidal thoughts and behaviors among individuals with substance abuse issues. Special attention is given to risk factors, warning signs and follow up care. The counseling sessions portrayed in the video, employ the specific counseling techniques and the four-step process recommended by TIP 50.

When: Tuesday, 11/13/12, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Where: Plainville Business Center, 74 East Street, Plainville, CT 06062
(Training Room 1 (TC1) on 3rd floor)

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